

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through advances in the field of medicine; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society has attained considerable distinction as a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization which strives to eliminate cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering through research, education, advocacy, and service; and

Whereas, the local chapter of the American Cancer Society in Cape Girardeau held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, to open its new office at 106 Farrar, Suite 104; and

Whereas, the May 4, 2005, ribbon-cutting offered visitors and supporters the change to enjoy refreshments, win door prizes, and meet American Cancer Society volunteers Andrea Story, Tara Kennard, and Nancy Balsman; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society was founded in 1913 as the American Society for the Control of Cancer (ASCC) by fifteen prominent physicians and business leaders in New York City who recognized that the public climate of fear and denial would have to be overcome in order to make any advances in the fight against cancers of all types; and

Whereas, in 1945 the ASCC was reorganized as the American Cancer Society to reflect a new era for the organization in particular and the country in general as the end of World War II meant that the nation's focus could shift to a health enemy at home; and

Whereas, in 1946 Mary Lasker and her colleagues raised more than \$4 million for the American Cancer Society, including \$1 million to establish a research program; and

Whereas, today's American Cancer Society also maintains an international mission which concentrates on capacity building in developing cancer societies and on collaboration with other cancer-related organizations throughout the world to carry out shared strategic directions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant research and fund-raising endeavors associated with the American Cancer Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for a highly successful ribbon cutting ceremony at the organization's new office in Cape Girardeau; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the American Cancer Society chapter in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker